

EPA-R5-2014-006892-1

"Joe Clark"
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
10/24/2011 06:15 PM

To ddiamond, Natalie Topinka
cc
bcc
Subject Fragrant 40 10/21 and 10/22

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"Joe Clark"
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
10/25/2011 09:35 AM

To: Natalie Topinka
cc
bcc
Subject: RE: Fragrant 40 10/21 and 10/22

Fortunately for us they are ppb, if ppm we'd be REALLY in trouble I think.

Joe

From: Topinka.Natalie@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Topinka.Natalie@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 9:32 AM
To: Joe Clark
Subject: Re: Fragrant 40 10/21 and 10/22

Joe,

Received your message...so sorry to hear of your terrible weekend. One question - the ammonia numbers you measured below are in ppm, am I correct?

Thanks,

Natalie

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From: "Joe Clark" <joe@hometown-tech.com>
To: <ddiamond@iccaw.org>, Natalie Topinka/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
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Kevin Chow/R5/USEPA/US

10/25/2011 11:55 AM

To "McBride, Jane E."

cc

bcc

Subject Re: your phone number

The Speer Law Firm is (816) 472-3560. You get an automated directory and then you have to dial the appropriate extension.

EPA-R5-2014-006892-4

"Joe Clark"
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
10/28/2011 04:57 PM

To ddiamond, Natalie Topinka, "McBride, Jane E."
cc
bcc
Subject Fragrant 40 10/25/11

Around dusk 10/25/11 the wave of sewage and ammonia came rushing in again. We were immediately forced inside and then, not long after, forced into the basement to hide from the poison that was seeping into our house from Fragrant 40. This continued until after we went to sleep around 11pm, IN THE BASEMENT, because we couldn't use the rest of our home. Megan was sick, I had burning eyes and throat, and I had to cover my face just to walk the dogs outside for a few minutes, and even then I had nausea afterwards

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"Joe Clark "
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
10/28/2011 05:06 PM

To ddiamond, Natalie Topinka, "McBride, Jane E."
cc
bcc

Subject Fragrant 40 10/27/11

Just before dark 10/27/11 the odor from FRAGRANT 40 hit critical mass again. Huge odor of ammonia and other chemical-like smell, along with the sewage smell. Our eyes and throats LITERALLY started burning within seconds of the odor washing over us. We immediately rushed inside and turned on the air filters, and hid in the basement for another long night. This was disappointing as we had just finished another "cleanup" after the odor on 10/25. As I've mentioned time and time again, every time this happens it's not just an immediate impact on our lives, the enjoyment of our time at home, the use/enjoyment of our property, it's a longer-term impact because virtually every time we have to launder every soft thing in the house, vacuum for hours and wipe the walls and floors down, basically disinfect the entire house. This is of course not taking into consideration the long-term health impact of constantly being exposed to this chemical/sewage/God knows what cocktail of poison.

Times_of_Problems: 10/27/11 just before dark until long after we went to bed IN THE BASEMENT HIDING FROM THE ODOR WITH COVERS OVER OUR HEADS AND CLEAN-ROOM AIR FILTERS RUNNING ON HIGH. Odor had dissipated by the AM on 10/28/11

EPA-R5-2014-006892-6

"Joe Clark"
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
10/31/2011 09:23 AM

To "McBride, Jane E.", ddiamond, Natalie Topinka
cc
bcc

Subject Fragrant 40 10/28 and 10/29 2011 complaints

10/28/11: Another miserable evening/night because of odor from Fragrant 40. Horrible, HORRIBLE ammonia odor AND raw sewage odor so thick we almost evacuated the house. Of course the odor was seeping into our home with the windows and doors tightly closed and towels put down around the cracks, as usual. We both had burning eyes and throat, and had some trouble breathing even inside, IN THE BASEMENT WHERE WE WERE HIDING FROM THE ODOR. Just miserable again, not sure what else to say...I guess just that we not only could not enjoy our property OUTSIDE, but we couldn't even enjoy our property INSIDE our own home, we were held hostage AGAIN by Fragrant 40.

10/29/11: Yet ANOTHER miserable, unbearable evening/night because of very high amounts of ammonia and concentrated sewage and poison odor coming from Fragrant 40. Again we were forced to hide in our basement all night, covering our faces and running clean-room quality air filters just to get away from the worst part of the intense odor. God forbid we would have wanted to have trick-or-treaters come to our door (GOD KNOWS NOBODY WOULD HAVE STOPPED WITH ODOR LIKE THAT, AND IF THEY DID WE WOULD HAVE PROBABLY HAD SICK KIDS ON OUR HANDS), or God forbid we wanted to have a Halloween party with our friends and family, because things like that simply cannot be done because of Fragrant 40 and their life-ruining odor. Started just before dark, continued until ? Gone by AM 10/30/11

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"Joe Clark"
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
11/01/2011 08:44 AM

To "McBride, Jane E.", ddiamond, Natalie Topinka
cc
bcc
Subject [POSSIBLE SPAM] Fragrant 40 10/31/11 Complaint

ANOTHER HOLIDAY RUINED, and for whatever reason I'm still surprised somehow. Still, I know, after 3+ years of being miserable at the hands of Fragrant 40 and their discharges, but still, I keep hoping that each day, or holiday as it may be, will be actually enjoyable in/at/around our own house, on our own property. Not to be this Halloween, though. 10/31/11 @ around 7pm the odor of unidentifiable chemicals, sewage and VERY STRONG AMMONIA overtook our home, rapidly seeping inside to the point that my wife could not even make Halloween cookies in our own kitchen, with all the windows and doors shut, with towels packed around the doors and windows and clean-room quality air filters running 100%. She was nauseas and almost vomited several times, both of us had horrible headaches and burning eyes and throats, and again we were forced to retreat, HIDE, in the basement to get away from most of the odor while it seeped into our home, saturating anything soft like our carpet and blankets. We've spent 10+ hours this week cleaning the following day after these "events", trying to wash off and out most of the odor that soaks into the things in our home, but it's basically a lost cause, everything stinks of hogs and ammonia inside and our almost all the time now. I woke up at 6am 11/1/11 expecting the odor to be gone as it had been most of the week, but NO, it's still there and although not quite as vile as it was, still unbearable outside, still nasty enough to make you sick, still horrible enough to make you wonder about your health and how bad this "stuff" is for you in the long-term... God knows I wouldn't dare have my employee, Brandon Williams, here today, he would be sick from the moment he got out of his car, and I certainly can't have customers here, I wouldn't dare expose them to this, nor would it be good for business. This place, Fragrant 40, is crushing our lives, my business, it's impacting every facet of our life and our use of our property, from eating, to cooking, to sleeping, to work, and everything that everyone else takes for granted, with absolutely no relief in sight.....

Times_of_Problems: 7pm 10/31/11 - at least 8:41am 11/1/11 and ongoing

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"Joe Clark"
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11/03/2011 09:07 AM

To: Natalie Topinka, "McBride, Jane E.", ddiamond
cc
bcc
Subject: [POSSIBLE SPAM] fragrant 40 11/2/11

11/2/11: Horrible chemical/sewage/ammonia odor infiltrating our home and blanketing our property AGAIN. I vaguely remember what it was like to be able to enjoy beautiful fall weather, and to enjoy my home and property...I know everyone reading this (does anyone read these?) takes it for granted. They walk onto their patio or deck with their wife or kids, and they breathe in the fresh, clean air of fall and think of Halloween, Thanksgiving, raking leaves, etc, etc. All the nice things that come to mind when you do that, HAVE BEEN STRIPPED FROM US AND FLUSHED DOWN THE HOG PIT AT FRAGRANT 40. We no longer are able to do those things, virtually EVER, and those pleasant thoughts don't come to mind, now we have to make daily decisions based on whether we'll be forced into our basement or out of our home because of odor from Fragrant 40. Enjoy your homes, and your time outside, not everyone has that "luxury".

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"Joe Clark"
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
11/07/2011 09:23 AM

To ""McBride, Jane E.", Natalie Topinka, ddiamond
cc
bcc
Subject [POSSIBLE SPAM] Fragant 40 11/4 11/5 11/6 2011
complaints

IL epa online complaint form is "broken", thus-far nobody has returned my calls to help me submit my complaints from this weekend.

Here are the complaints in order:

11/4/11: Another night in paradise. Near dusk the "wave" of sewage and ammonia washed over and into our home, ruining yet another night, again prohibiting us from enjoying our own property or home. We chose to leave for a brief period hoping it would subside, but as usual it did not, and we returned to only hide in the basement with our faces covered, running air filters and being miserable, basically held prisoner again. Odor continued into the AM of 11/5/11

11/5/11: Yet another day and night of misery. Continual sewage/ammonia/chemical odor overwhelming our property throughout the day and night. We were unable to do anything outside without covering our faces and feeling sick. As usual it just completely ruined our day/night and any hope of doing anything productive or enjoying our own property or land. We both felt sick all day, except for the few hours we left the house to get away from the odor, within a short period of being in fresh air we both felt better. Continued into the AM of 11/6/11

11/6/11: 3rd day/night in a row of complete misery. Our entire weekend ruined by Fragant 40 again. Monday will be hours and hours of cleanup, washing, laundry, wiping down of everything to try and get some of the horrible hog/chemical/ammonia odor off our walls, carpets, clothes, anything soft that can absorb odor. So not just 3 days/nights of misery, we pay for it once it subsides with only being able to work to clean up from their leftovers. For the love of God will this misery ever end? Continued into the AM of 11/7/11

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"Joe Clark"
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
11/09/2011 08:57 AM

To "McBride, Jane E.", ddiamond, Natalie Topinka
cc
bcc
Subject fragrant 40 11/8/11 complaint

11/8/11: After dark, around 6-6:30pm the putrid, sewage, chemical/ammonia odor from Fragrant 40 got bad enough again that we were forced into our basement to just be able to breathe normal. Immediate physical responses were noted such as the usual burning eyes and throat. The odor was bad enough again that we were unable to do anything upstairs, including even cook dinner. Megan had taken off work early so we could spend time together and cook a nice meal together, you know, do things normal couples do? We WERE able to spend time together though, IN THE 400SQFT BASEMENT THAT WE FINISHED SPECIFICALLY AS OUR "HIDE OUT" FROM THE ODOR, WITH OUR FACES COVERED, MISERABLE. Certainly not what we had in mind, but about par for the course.

Odor went away by AM as the wind shifted

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"Joe Clark"
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11/15/2011 09:08 PM

To: Natalie Topinka
cc
bcc
Subject: [POSSIBLE SPAM] Fragrant 40

We're suffering badly tonight and it reminded me I've not heard what Fragrant's reply to the complaint was...I think it was due a couple of weeks ago. I've tried searching and calling everyone I have #'s for in IL with no reply.

Thanks,

Joe

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"Joe Clark"
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
11/16/2011 08:20 AM

To Natalie Topinka, "McBride, Jane E.", ddiamond
cc
bcc
Subject [POSSIBLE SPAM] fragrant 40 11/15/11

11/15/11: The wave of ammonia and chemical/sewage smell overtook our home at 6:30pm and by 7:30pm the odor was strong enough inside that we were forced into the basement. We had to spend the majority of the rest of the night there to avoid being sick, barely being able to finish dinner upstairs. Wind shifted and odor has gone this AM. Will spend majority of day cleaning up the "left overs" from Fragrant today, vacuuming, wiping everything down, washing every single soft item or linen in our home and office.

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"Joe Clark"
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
11/21/2011 07:54 AM

To: Natalie Topinka
cc
bcc
Subject: [POSSIBLE SPAM] fragrant 40

Have you heard anything about what's going on? I can't seem to get a call back from IL. I heard that Jane met with someone from the US epa in Chicago last week...any chance that was you or your people?

Joe

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"Joe Clark"
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
11/27/2011 06:48 PM

To "McBride, Jane E.", ddiamond, Natalie Topinka
cc
bcc
Subject [POSSIBLE SPAM] Fragrant 40 Thanksgiving day

Complaint below:

ANOTHER HOLIDAY RUINED FOR OUR FAMILY BY FRAGRANT 40! Our Thanksgiving day lunch with my mother was ruined by the ammonia and poison odor coming from Fragrant 40. My mother was forced to leave early because of the odor seeping into our home, causing her to feel ill. Afterwards Megan and I retreated to the basement to hide away from the horrible odor for the remainder of our Thanksgiving. The headache and burning eyes were tolerable to us, but to someone who is unaccustomed to constantly being exposed to this kind of poison, my mother, it was too much.

EPA-R5-2014-006892-15

"Joe Clark"
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
12/01/2011 09:33 AM

To ddiamond, jane.mcbride, "McBride, Jane E.", Natalie
Topinka
cc
bcc
Subject Fragrant 11/30/11 11/30/11 @ 11:15pm I awoke to find my
entire house filled with hog sewage and ammonia odor . I'm
not sure when this wave of poison hit the house , but it was
bad enough to wake me up before midnight . We were forced
to get up, out of bed,

11/30/11 @ 11:15pm I awoke to find my entire house filled with hog sewage and ammonia odor. I'm not sure when this wave of poison hit the house, but it was bad enough to wake me up before midnight. We were forced to get up, out of bed, and relocate to the basement where we could hide from the odor and try and get some sleep. This AM (12/1/11) the entire house smells like sewage and ammonia and I will have to spend the majority of my day cleaning and washing things to remove the residue. I've spent all morning coughing and feeling ill, I have no idea how long I slept with that poison filling my lungs.

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"Joe Clark"
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
12/02/2011 09:21 AM

To ""McBride, Jane E.", Natalie Topinka, ddiamond
cc
bcc
Subject [POSSIBLE SPAM] fragrant 40 12/1/11

12/1 6pm-after bedtime at least, odor was gone in the AM 12/2: Horrible ammonia and hog odor caused even feeding the dogs or walking in from the garage to be difficult. Burning eyes and throat from any exposure at all. After working for hours to clean up the "residue" inside my home from the last horrible experience, the odor seeped in again negating anything I had done to get rid of the residual odor and nastiness in the house. I will now spend those same hours over again doing cleanup after this facility ruined yet another night of our ability to even USE our property or home, much less enjoy it.

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"Joe Clark"
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
12/05/2011 09:26 AM

To ddiamond, ""McBride, Jane E.", Natalie Topinka
cc
bcc

Subject fragrant 40 12/2 and 12/3

12/2/2011: Horrible ammonia and hog sewage odor from Fragrant 40 continued to seep into our home again undoing some of the cleaning I and my wife had done to get rid of the residue from the previous days. Our whole house except for the basement smelled of ammonia and hog waste, as usual the basement was the only refuge. My wife had taken off early on 12/2 for a special occasion..we were going to make a gourmet dinner together and spend a nice evening together, which of course was completely ruined by Fragrant 40 and the constant odor and ammonia we have here. We actually left the house for awhile to get away, then returning only to feel ill, immediately seeking refuge in the basement with the air filters running, hiding away as usual.

12/3: Odor from 12/2 continued all day, completely ruining another day/night for us, and forcing us to leave the house to find clean air, instead of being sick and miserable all day. Upon returning home, hoping that after 3+ straight days of misery the odor would be gone, NOPE, still horrible, another night in the basement, and "cover your face just to walk your dogs" night. There has been 99% NO USE of our property for several days now, not even ENJOYMENT, We're miserable and have been for so long we've lost count.

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"Joe Clark"
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
12/12/2011 08:05 AM

To ""McBride, Jane E.", ddiamond, Natalie Topinka
cc
bcc
Subject Fragrant 40 12/10-12/11 and 12/11-12/12 ongoing

Still HORRIBLE outside this am, entire weekend destroyed again. Jane, if you have any update on your case, please let me know, we're really at the end of our rope out here.

Thanks,
Joe

12/10/11 AM all day though 12/11/11 AM: Horrible hog waste and ammonia eliminating any ability to be outdoors, or enjoy our property, virtually eliminating our ability to live in our home, again. Odor started early AM and continued throughout the day and through the night, seeping into our home, undoing all the cleaning and "residue" removal from last time, and forcing us to hide in our basement with the air filters running, again.

The problem is now worse, if that's even possible. Now, like in the summer, we're forced to not only change every aspect of how we live our lives, and have our health put in jeopardy, but we also have to constantly spend \$ to try and work around this issue. In the summer we MUST run our AC, anytime, there is never an option to have our windows open, and now in the winter, we have to run our propane heat, even though our house is setup with wood stoves. A: You can't handle getting wood outside without covering your face or risking being sick most of the time, but we've "acclimated" to that. B: The odor seeps into the house all the time, which forces us into our basement "shelter" we built just because of this issue (more \$), and the basement doesn't receive heat from the wood stoves, so we still have to run the propane heat so that we're able to hide in the basement, the only place you can get away from the odor of this facility.

My wife and I both felt sick after being outside for only a short period.

12/11/11 5pm-ongoing as of 12/12/11 8AM: Went to a Christmas party of an evening on 12/11/11, the odor had stopped after the AM, only to find that it had started again while we were gone and you could smell it, with recirculation turned on in the car, over 1 mile away from Fragrant, on Palmyra Road. We knew we were in for it, so the anxiety set in and we drove the rest of the way home, knowing how nasty it would be inside and out, and how all our cleaning we did to clean up from the day before, would all be ruined.

SURE ENOUGH, we got home and it was miserable. Inside our house smelled like someone killed some pigs and let them rot, while dumping 100 gal of ammonia and leaving some live pigs to run around...and let's all be honest, they could have done that and our property couldn't be worth any less at this point. So we both got nausea and burning eyes and throats just running around trying to get the dogs out, feed the outside dogs, and in general get things together to go hide in the basement. Just before we retreated the neighbors Bob Norris and Tom Gall came down to borrow something...they said "It's horrible all the way down the road, all the way past McClellands", "I still don't know why you guys don't move", etc, etc.

We went back in asap and hid in the basement for the remainder.

Got up this AM at 7:30 to find the whole house is just NASTY, and outside is still just as nasty as it was, horrible hog odor. I have appointments outside the house today, which I'm grateful for, because I'm sick already just being upstairs for a short period, much less outside. (not that I could have cusetomers or my employee here, that has long been stopped because of Fragrant 40).

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"Joe Clark"
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
12/13/2011 08:51 AM

To ddiamond, ""McBride, Jane E.", Natalie Topinka
cc
bcc
Subject fragrant 40 12/12-12/13/11 12/12/11 evening-12/13/11 AM

12/12/11 evening-12/13/11 AM: More of the same, horrible hog waste and ammonia odor, burning eyes, stuffy noses, headache as usual...we had a few hours where it didn't stink outside (of course the inside still smells as it's "soaked" into everything "soft",)..and then the horrible odor came back... We were miserable all night again,forced into the basement again...it feels like we're running for our lives and living in hiding most of the time..constantly rushing to get things done before the odor hits us, and then rushing to get anything we need down to the basement and stay there, hidden away from the odor until it goes away. Which is a really awesome quality of life, by the way.

EPA-R5-2014-006892-20

"Joe Clark"
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12/14/2011 08:42 AM

To Natalie Topinka, "McBride, Jane E.", ddiamond
cc "Charlie Speer"
bcc
Subject Fragrant 40 12/13-12/14/2011

12/13/11-12/14/11: Odor subsided mid AM 12/13 only to return in a HUGE way late afternoon 12/13, continuing through the night and into early 12/14 AM. Horrible, all-encompassing odor, filling our home and making us sick, again, or really, still. We both head headaches, my wife has a stuffed up nose and says her throat hurts this AM (even the basement started to get a little "hoggy" last night it was so thick outside.) My wife's only break from hog odor is when she is at work. Imagine for a minute getting up in the AM from sleeping in the "extra" bed in the basement (designed just to get away from hog odor) and going upstairs only to find your entire house and everything in it smelling like ammonia and sewage. Then, get in the shower and wash all that off, only to have to wash your clothes fresh every AM to keep the people at work from smelling the hog on you. Then, leave as quickly as possible to avoid your clean clothes from getting the ammonia and sewage odor in them, and spend your day at work...only to come home to horrible ammonia and hog odor, a house that is filled with it, and no possible enjoyment or relaxation because all you can do is go straight to the basement and hide from the odor. Awesome eh? THIS IS OUR LIFE BECAUSE OF FRAGRANT 40.

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"Joe Clark"
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
12/15/2011 11:00 AM

To Natalie Topinka, ddiamond, ""McBride, Jane E.""
cc
bcc
Subject Fragrant 40 12/14/11 complaint

12/14/11: Starting around 1pm, continuing until past bedtime (although the neighbors said they were miserable all AM and the days before as well) the odor of hog waste and ammonia washed over and into our house again. Another night hiding in the basement, feeling trapped and miserable...hopeless. We're sick all the time, constant headaches, stuffed up noses, our entire home smells like hog pit waste, ammonia and sewage. We have had our Christmas tree in the garage for 4 days, but we've been unable to put it up or decorate the house because A: Everything stinks and is covered in residue from Fragrant 40, B: We have been 5 days straight with constant unbearable odor that makes us unable to do anything other than hide in the basement, C: Who, in their right mind, would feel festive about putting up a Christmas tree and enjoying the season when we are this miserable. These people have ruined more special occasions and holidays than I can count, and they continue to operate at our expense, RUINING OUR LIVES....

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"Joe Clark"
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
12/17/2011 12:00 AM

To Natalie Topinka, ddiamond, ""McBride, Jane E.""
cc
bcc
Subject [POSSIBLE SPAM] fragrant 40 11:30PM 12/17/11

WOKEN UP AT 11:45PM 12/16/11 TO MY ENTIRE HOUSE FILLED WITH AMMONIA AND HOG WASTE...HORRIBLE HEADACHE, BURNING EYES, FEEL LIKE WE'VE BEEN POISONED. Immediately washed our faces and eyes out and rushed into the basement to get away from the odor and filed this complaint while still feeling sick from exposure to this nastiness. Words cannot describe how horrible the odor is inside our house right now, I'm not sure, even after living with this constantly for years, that even _I_ can imagine how bad it must be outside. It's a wonder my dogs don't die from this. UNBELIEVABLE.

EPA-R5-2014-006892-23

"Joe Clark"
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Sent by: Joe Clark
<jrcmlc@gmail.com>

To ddiamond, "McBride, Jane E.", Natalie Topinka
cc
bcc

12/27/2011 09:15 AM

Subject FRAGRANT 40 12/26/11

12/26/11: Left early AM and returned home around 3pm to find HORRIBLE hog sewage odor and ammonia from McClellands all the way to our house, and our entire house FILLED with ammonia and sewage odor. We spent 3 hours cleaning and trying to make our house smell reasonable again to try and enjoy the remainder of our night and our plans, only to have it get NASTY++ with some chemical odor, and what smelled like rotten dead animals, again at 6:50pm, with this continuing until very late. All that work to clean up was completely negated as our house was re-filled with sewage and ammonia, and us forced to the basement...Megan had "joked" that we should probably put our Christmas tree in the basement because we would most likely have to spend all our time there anyway (as we have been to get away from the odor), and although Christmas day was not horrible, the following day when just the two of us have Christmas (without my mother) was ruined entirely by the horrible odor from Fragrant 40.

Woken up at 10:35pm to Megan vomiting because of exposure to this horrible odor, as soon as I woke up I realized the entire house was filled, my eyes were burning and I was getting sicker by the minute. We immediately rushed to get dressed and get in the car and drive away from the odor, once away from the odor for a bit, and with some fresh air, we both felt better and Megan's uncontrollable nausea subsided as well. This is the SINGLE WORST experience to date, and it's not like we can call someone to help...we've been asking for help for 3 years with nothing being done, as a matter of fact, it has gotten WORSE since we initially complained....WE WERE FORCED OUT OF OUR HOME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS for God's sake...JUST IMAGINE...

We returned home after a couple of hours of driving around with the windows down trying to clean ourselves out and get fresh air, I almost took Megan to the hospital, but like in previous times, once we were away from the odor she felt better and her symptoms subsided. Once we returned home the odor had moved to further down white oak, which means the wind had shifted just a bit...it was UNBEARABLE at the intersection of white oak and Norris' driveway, but just 1/8 down the road it was normal. The house was just filled with this odor, it's like someone dumped straight pit waste into our living room...everything soft, really just everything had a film on it of this poison. We spent 3 hours washing and wiping before finally going to bed for a couple of hours in the basement, only to get up and do more cleaning in the AM before Megan went to work. We run the house fan, every box fan we own, every ceiling fan and both of our clean-room grade air filters, along with opening the doors to let fresh air in (and our expensive warm air out into the cold), and it still has a "funk" in the house after all that. One of the worst parts is that it almost had a human waste odor to it, as well as the pit smell....but I'm not sure.

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"Joe Clark"
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Sent by: Joe Clark
<jrcmlc@gmail.com>

To ddiamond, ""McBride, Jane E.", Natalie Topinka
cc
bcc

12/28/2011 05:22 PM

Subject [POSSIBLE SPAM] FRAGRANT 40 12/28/11

I just got home and the house is FILLED with the odor of pit waste and ammonia and it's HORRIBLE outside. I immediately setup the air meter and it went to over 700 right away, which is as high as ever, possibly higher, and it's just starting. If the wind doesn't shift this will continue all night long and get worse and worse as it goes. We will not be able to stay in our house tonight if this continues.

Joe

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To: Natalie Topinka, "McBride, Jane E.", ddiamond, bbieri
cc
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12/29/2011 06:38 PM

Subject: Fragrant 40 12/28/11

12/28/11: Returned home from being gone to find the entire house FILLED with pit waste and ammonia odor, completely unbearable. Instantly made my eyes burn and made it hard to breathe, had to immediately leave to get to fresh, clean air. Returned home 4 hours later to find that the ammonia levels had topped 720ppb on the meter and that everything in our house was completely saturated with this same odor, but the outside odor had subsided because the wind shifted. We spent 3 hours washing and cleaning everything only to still have the odor linger. Spent the rest of the night in the basement terrified the odor would return and we would have to evacuate again.

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To Natalie Topinka, "McBride, Jane E.", ddiamond, bbieri
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12/30/2011 08:33 AM

Subject [POSSIBLE SPAM] Fragrant 40 12/29/11

12/29/11: Arrived home at 5pm, no odor outside, inside of the house still reeked of hog pit waste and ammonia, not sure if the odor returned during the day and re-filled the house, or if this is just the poisonous leftovers from the previous night. At 6pm the odor returned as it did the night before, instantly taking my breath away and forcing me to the basement immediately. I called my wife and told her not to come home from work to avoid the misery she would surely be faced with, but she said she didn't want to have to be gone from her own house and she came home and we "hid" in the basement from the horrible pit waste/sewage/ammonia odor, all the while knowing our already saturated carpets and "soft" items would be even worse after this bout.

The odor finally broke for 1.5 hours and we came upstairs and cleaned and scrubbed everything we could, hurried up and took the dogs out and fed the outside dogs, and did whatever work we could, but again at 10:30 it got so unbearably horrible we considered leaving the house and staying the night at my Mothers, but again at my wife's request, we battled the odor with wet rags over our faces and hid in the basement, barely able to peek out into our own home without feeling sick. This continued until after we went to bed, completely pinning us into the basement as usual.

Then there is, of course, as usual, the issue where we've been stressed out and anxious for 2 weeks about our upcoming annual new year's party. We've considered cancelling it just to avoid the embarrassment we'll be exposed to when it stinks so bad again that everyone has to leave early, or if we can't get the house clean enough to get rid of the pit waste and ammonia smell inside and people smell that horrible odor when they walk in our house.... We both have literally worried non-stop about this to the point that even if it happens to not stink so bad everyone has to leave, which is doubtful, neither of us will enjoy ourselves because we'll constantly be checking wind direction and worrying about when the odor will hit.

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To Natalie Topinka, ddiamond, bbieri, "McBride, Jane E."

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12/31/2011 08:14 AM

Subject Fragrant 40 12/31/11 NEW YEARS EVE

This is the AM report, looks like our holiday is going to be ruined again. It's simply unbearable here now, we can't even stay at the house TO start cleaning up the smell inside, and even if we could, it's just being replaced with more odor. It is NASTY here.

Note so far:

12/31/11: Woke again in the middle of the night to find the whole house filled with pit waste odor and ammonia, felt sick, had to move to the basement. I couldn't sleep for the rest of the night because we were worried if the odor would continue through into the day and night and ruin our New Year's party again this year, and embarrass us that our house and property stinks and is unusable. Left the safety of the basement at 7:30am to find that the whole house still smelled like someone had dumped pit waste directly into it, as expected, and the odor outside was even worse than it had been in the night. Immediately our eyes were burning and we felt sick again just being in the upstairs of our house, not to mention when we took the dogs outside...at which point we had to cover our faces and still felt short of breath from the overwhelming stench.

Based on the forecast available, the wind should shift before people arrive, but we will spend our entire day worrying about this, and we can't possibly clean the smell out of the house entirely before they get here, it would take shampooing the carpets and wiping every surface down, washing everything at least once before it would be even close to clean, and we don't have the time, and we can't even start until the wind shifts, which may not happen at all.

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"Joe Clark"
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To ddiamond, "McBride, Jane E.", Natalie Topinka
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01/01/2012 09:56 AM

Subject fragrant 40 12/31/11

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12 noon: The wind still hasn't shifted, we've endured pit waste and ammonia smell all morning, and haven't been able to clean or cook a single thing for our party. Our "cut off" for cancelling our party altogether is 2pm. What an unbelievable embarrassment it will be to cancel our party because our house stinks, but most everyone that attends already knows how miserable our lives are because of Fragrant 40, so it won't be much of a surprise, I would think.

2pm: The wind has shifted to be more from the east-south than south-east, which is a bit of a break, although west would be better as it would guarantee no odor. We are moving forward with cleaning and cooking, trying to get ready for everyone. If the wind shifts even a little, though, we're going to all be sick. I guess if that happens I'll have everyone fill out affidavits like another time we had people sick and leaving because of the odor, on the other hand, those affidavits seem to have accomplished nothing. I think we did that 2 years ago and still we're suffering, even worse than before.

Unfortunately the wind shifted just as people started arriving and we had quite a few sick guests because of the horrible odor. The complaints ranged from one woman thinking she was going to vomit, to others silently suffering, or whispering about how to leave early because "it stunk".

We asked the people who stayed to sign affidavits attesting to how the odor was and how they felt, but as I said, we've had that before and nothing ever came of it, this place is still ruining our lives. Most people left early, well before the "ball drop" because of the odor, the wind didn't

shift and relieve us of the odor as the forecast had predicted, so just another holiday ruined by
Fragrant 40. What a great start to 2012.

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"Joe Clark"
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To ddiamond, "McBride, Jane E.", Natalie Topinka
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01/06/2012 09:12 AM

Subject [POSSIBLE SPAM] Fragrant 40 1/5/12

1/5/12: 62 degrees in Jan. WOW. Got home and wind was from the southwest, AWESOME! and it was beautiful out, texted my wife at work and told her we'd bbq and drink some wine on the deck and enjoy the (probably) last nice day for months...she got home at 6, got the dogs out and at 6:24 we walked out the door to prep the grill and WHAM, UNBEARABLE PIT ODOR, AMMONIA AND SULFUR, COMPLETELY OVERWHELMING. Immediately had burning eyes and throats, Megan felt sick. Within minutes the whole house was filled with the odor (doors and windows closed despite the beautiful weather, of course). NO DINNER, NO ANYTHING...Just had to hide in the basement, unable to do anything on our own property, held captive again. Another night ruined thanks to Fragrant 40.

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"Joe Clark"
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To Natalie Topinka

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01/10/2012 05:05 PM

Subject [POSSIBLE SPAM] Fragrant 40

Natalie,

Previously you had said that if IEPA dropped the ball on the odor side of their suit that you would help us. I spoke with Jane McBride today at the IL AG's office and she indicated the BEST they can HOPE to accomplish is to reduce the odor some and that "it will always smell like a hog farm", which sound remarkably similar to what the IL epa told me the last time they were out: "it's always going to stink", "yes, I can smell it, I imagine most people wouldn't want that near their homes, but that's how it is", and more like that.

Please, if there is anything you can do, now is perhaps the time.

Joe

EPA-R5-2014-006892-31

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To ddiamond, jane.mcbride, Natalie Topinka
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02/02/2012 11:03 PM

Subject Fragrant 1/12/12-2/2/12

1/12/12: I've been advised to make my entries "to the point" and with less emotion.

1/13/12: 9pm, almost completely calm, 15 degrees with virtually no humidity, no sounds or movement from hog facility. Odor washed over our house, seeping inside so that it was VERY distinct inside as well as outside, immediately we both had burning eyes and throats, within 20 or so minutes we both felt it necessary to move to the basement to escape the odor. Spent the night in the basement again, we were unable to use our home inside or out, and were sick from the odor.

1/17/12: Noticed an employee of fragrant 40 parked the white company truck (I have a photo of him driving away) on Fragrant's northern-most property and got out and walked across the road and onto Ronald Dowlands property, which is adjacent to mine and attempt to obscure himself behind some trees while he seemed to be checking out my house and kind of "casing" the place. My dogs started barking and he immediately ran back to his truck and left. This is not the 1st time we've seen this, or them park in front of the house, or even get out of the vehicle in our driveway or in front of our house, when it appears we're not home.

1/18/12: Heard gunshots and my outside dogs starting barking furiously. I stepped outside and immediately heard the brush between my house and the hog facility "crunch" and heard a gunshot almost at the same time. I hurriedly went back inside. After several more shots the shooting stopped and I stepped back outside to check on my dogs. Once out at the dog kennel I started to notice a distinct odor of pit waste and ammonia, and before I could get back to the house I was already experiencing burning in my eyes and throat, and shortness of breath. Once back inside the odor started to infiltrate the house and I was forced to stop cooking dinner for my wife, and move the basement and turn on the air filters. At 6:15 my wife arrived home and felt ill just from her walk from the garage to the house, once inside she remarked that it was just as bad inside the house and we were forced to yet again skip dinner, throw away our partially cooked food and hide in the basement for the remainder of the night, unable to use our property.

1/27/12: Arrived home at 7pm to find the entire house filled with hog odor and ammonia, outside was unbearable from McClelland's driveway until our house. Light wind, cold, no sounds coming from hog facility. Ended up in the basement again to get away from the odor.

1/29/12: Around 6pm we noticed the horrible, distinct ammonia and pit waste odor inside our home again, complete with the usual burning eyes and throat and nausea. After opening the back door to confirm the wind direction and intensity outside, we immediately had to evacuate to the basement and "hide" there for the remainder of the night, the odor was unbearable both inside and outside. Luckily we had already eaten, so we didn't miss dinner this time, but we were

unable to use the rest of our house for the remainder of the night. There was almost no wind and it was cold, probably below 35 degrees.

2/1/12: Woke in the middle of the night to my wife coughing and hacking, realized immediately that it was unbearably “hoggy” and smelled like straight pit waste and ammonia inside our home. Megan was sick at her stomach and vomited repeatedly. Immediately after we evacuated to the basement and turned on the air filters hoping to sleep the rest of the night. We realized very quickly that even our sleep clothes were “saturated” in ammonia and hog waste odor. We stripped down but could not change clothes because everything else in the closet was also “saturated” with hog odor. We could not run the house fan with the heat because it would circulate the hog odor into the basement so we hurriedly brought an electric heater into the basement and attempted to sleep the rest of the night, naked, with only a small ceramic heater to warm us. We were unable to sleep to our satisfaction, unable to use most of our house or property, unable to do things that are germane to living in your own home.

2/2/12: At 6pm the odor of pit waste and ammonia and sulfur overwhelmed the house. The dogs needed to go out and Megan had to cover her mouth and face just to do that, and my eyes burned inside the house also. Inside the odor was unbearable. We had a guest arrive and he could not stand the odor, but unfortunately refused to fill out an affidavit. The odor forced us into the basement again, and we spent the rest of the night fighting for air in the basement, unable to use any more of our house or property, and forcing our guest to leave.

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"Joe Clark"
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To Natalie Topinka

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04/03/2012 12:50 PM

Subject RE: Fragrant 40

Natalie,

Thanks for checking in on me, and it's good to hear someone is still concerned.

We just came off of 8ish days of wonderful weather with very little odor, because the wind was from different directions almost the entire time, and today its fine because again, the wind is from another direction, but before that it has been ROUGH. We went 2 full weeks of sleeping in our basement every night (the 1st 2 weeks of spring) and we were really at our breaking point before this brief break. I'll attach a few of the last notes in my odor log so you can get a feel for it.

I don't know if they have hogs, but the fans are running at the facility so I would assume so. They also just got done applying and dumping a ton of waste on the ground near the facility, even blocking a public road for 2 days to accomplish it. They applied in the rain, while it was storming, while the ground was saturated, it didn't matter. I even have a picture of their hose run directly into the creek.

The mild winter didn't seem to matter, it is horrible here winter or summer, unlike what most people would think.

Also, the manager or whomever he is, has been burning what smells like hogs over there for several days, although it could be a mix of the normal hog/ammonia odor and wood smoke from limbs or something, I don't know, but it's NASTY.

We've given our depositions in the state case over a month ago and still haven't heard another word from them about anything, other than they had "talks" about covering the lagoons or something that our attorney says would be un-enforceable and probably never get done. I think we may be left out to dry with the state case, but can't be sure, because I never can get anyone to tell me anything.

See attached for a portion of my recent odor log.

Thanks again for checking in,

Joe

, 2012 12:36 PM

To: Joe Clark

Subject: Fragrant 40

Joe,

I haven't heard from you for a while, but we haven't forgotten about you and Fragrant 40. Can you give me

an update on the conditions at your property? Have there been any changes regarding the odor episodes, such as intensity, duration or frequency? Did this year's mild winter have any impact on odor episodes compared to years past? Do you know if the facility is currently populated with hogs?

Feel free to call or e-mail at your convenience.

Thanks,

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<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/complaints/index.html> clark-odor-log-partial-4-2-12.pdf

EPA-R5-2014-006892-33

Kevin
Vuilleumier/R5/USEPA/US
04/17/2012 02:54 PM

To Natalie Topinka
cc
bcc
Subject Monitoring at Fragrant 40

Hi Natalie,

Do you have any particular day you would like to do the monitoring around Fragrant 40? Lashana has scheduled a file clean up day for our section Tuesday May 1. I can miss file clean up if you want to monitor Monday and Tuesday, or we can plan to head out Wednesday and Thursday (then I won't miss either). I know it is weather dependent as well so we may not be able to adequately plan until a few days before.

Thanks

Kevin

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**Kevin
Vuilleumier/R5/USEPA/US**
04/24/2012 11:31 AM

To: Natalie Topinka, Kushal Som, Dakota Prentice
cc: Nathan Frank, Susan Tennenbaum
bcc: William Macdowell
Subject: Fragrant 40 and H. Kramer (with Fisk/Crawford) FOIAs

Hi Natalie, Dakota, and Kush,

Attached are some FOIAs Susan forwarded to me as a cc. We have not seen these through Julie yet, but likely will near term. [I wanted to give you a heads up.](#)

Fragrant 40 (first attachment): The FOIA is from Speer Law Firm (not sure who it represents) and requests "All documents pertaining to Fragrant 40".

H. Kramer (third attachment) : The FOIA asks for all lab samples, test data, documents related to the proposed revisions to the SIP in relation to lead.

Thanks

Kevin

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----- Forwarded by Kevin Vuilleumier/R5/USEPA/US on 04/24/2012 11:27 AM -----

From: Susan Tennenbaum/R5/USEPA/US
To: Penny Hubbard-Greene/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Kevin Vuilleumier/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 04/24/2012 11:06 AM
Subject: Re: Various Foia Assignments

The one for Fisk and Crawford is unfortunately my case. We need to call the requester and ask what they really need.

Penny Hubbard-Greene [Please look as the following att...](#) 04/24/2012 10:58:20 AM

From: Penny Hubbard-Greene/R5/USEPA/US
To: R5 ORC ALL ATTORNEY
Date: 04/24/2012 10:58 AM
Subject: Various Foia Assignments

Please look as the following attachments and let me know, if one of the foia assignment is yours. Thanks



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I am not as good as I should be, I am not as good as I could be, but thank God I'm better than I used to be.

EPA-R5-2014-006892-35

**DONALD
BRUCE/R5/USEPA/US**
04/25/2012 10:41 AM

To: Jesse McGrath
cc
bcc
Subject: Fw: Macoupin County hog operation sued by attorney
general - Springfield, IL - The State Journal-Register

----- Forwarded by DONALD BRUCE/R5/USEPA/US on 04/25/2012 10:41 AM -----

From: DONALD BRUCE/R5/USEPA/US
To: Chad McEvoy/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Jesse McDaniel/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 04/25/2012 10:40 AM
Subject: Macoupin County hog operation sued by attorney general - Springfield, IL - The State
Journal-Register

FYI. Apparently, Fragrant 40 is the real name, and they have been sued by the Illinois AG.

<http://www.sj-r.com/top-stories/x1413009068/Macoupin-County-hog-operation-sued-by-attorney-general>

EPA-R5-2014-006892-36

Joe Clark
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
Sent by: jrcmlc@gmail.com

To Natalie Topinka
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Subject Fragrant 40

05/10/2012 09:47 AM

Please respond to joe@hometown-tech.com
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Natalie, the fans are still running at the facility so I'm not sure all the hogs are gone after all. We had horrible odor today as well before I left.

Joe

EPA-R5-2014-006892-37

Joe Clark
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
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To: Natalie Topinka
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Subject: Re: Fragrant 40

05/10/2012 10:39 AM

Please respond to joe@hometown-tech.com

Sometimes the hogs are very loud, and more than once we've heard what sounded exactly like someone shooting hogs with a gun, "bam...sort of hollow as if inside a building, squeeEEEEEEEEEE, again"

On May 10, 2012 10:37 AM, "Natalie Topinka" <Topinka.Natalie@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:
Thanks for the info. Can you ever hear the hogs themselves when the barns are populated? It was so quiet at the place last week that we thought for sure they weren't there.

From: Joe Clark <joe@hometown-tech.com>
To: Natalie Topinka/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 05/10/2012 09:47 AM
Subject: Fragrant 40
Sent by: jrcmlc@gmail.com

Natalie, the fans are still running at the facility so I'm not sure all the hogs are gone after all. We had horrible odor today as well before I left.
Joe

EPA-R5-2014-006892-38

"Joe Clark"

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To Natalie Topinka

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05/11/2012 03:54 PM

Subject fragrant 40--burying building 1

[attachment "P5112743.JPG" deleted by Natalie Topinka/R5/USEPA/US]

[attachment "P5112744.JPG" deleted by Natalie Topinka/R5/USEPA/US]

Here are pics of them burying the building they tore down today.

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To Natalie Topinka

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05/11/2012 04:16 PM

Subject [POSSIBLE SPAM] fragrant 40 burying building 2

And video here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ls0owoYs88U>

It's set to private, only available using your email address



P5112751.JPG

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"Joe Clark"
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To Natalie Topinka

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05/12/2012 11:45 AM

Subject [POSSIBLE SPAM] fragrant burning and still burying building

Today, this AM, they started burning debris and God-knows-what else, the smell from the burning material instantly made us sick when outside and after a while it started to seep inside the house as well. It's almost noon and we're considering evacuating as we don't know what poisons are contained in the smoke coming from whatever they are burning. I called IEPA emergency line again today and they actually took my info this time.



See attached. P5122762.JPG P5122761.JPG

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To Natalie Topinka

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06/21/2012 12:49 AM

Subject clark odor log

Lest you guys think because I stopped complaining, all is well. It is far from it. See attached.



JOe clark Odor Log partial 6-21-12.pdf

EPA-R5-2014-006892-42

"Joe Clark"
<joe@hometown-tech.com>
Sent by: Joe Clark
<jrcmlc@gmail.com>

To Natalie Topinka

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07/13/2012 04:29 PM

Subject Clark log

Here are the logs from 6/23-7/12. It is ROUGH out here.

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To Natalie Topinka

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08/30/2012 10:43 PM

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From: Joe Clark [mailto:jrcmlc@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Joe Clark

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Kevin
Vuilleumier/R5/USEPA/US
09/05/2012 10:10 AM

To Natalie Topinka

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To Natalie Topinka
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09/19/2012 12:11 AM

Please respond to joe@hometown-tech.com
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We had ammonia over 2100ppb tonight. FYI

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**Natalie
Topinka/R5/USEPA/US**
10/23/2012 10:31 AM

To cspeer
cc Jesse McGrath, Kevin Vuilleumier, Mary McAuliffe
bcc
Subject air monitor information

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SPM Manual.pdf

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Topinka/R5/USEPA/US**
10/30/2012 02:05 PM

To "Charlie Speer"
cc Jesse McGrath, Kevin Vuilleumier, Mary McAuliffe
bcc
Subject RE: air monitor information

Great, then we will talk to you soon.

"Charlie Speer" [Natalie, that works for me. Thanks.](#) 10/30/2012 02:02:28 PM

From: "Charlie Speer" <cspeer@speerlawfirm.com>
To: Natalie Topinka/R5/USEPA/US@EPA,
Cc: Jesse McGrath/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Kevin Vuilleumier/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Mary
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From: Topinka.Natalie@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Topinka.Natalie@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2012 1:01 PM
To: Charlie Speer
Cc: McGrath.Jesse@epamail.epa.gov; Vuilleumier.Kevin@epamail.epa.gov;
McAuliffe.Mary@epamail.epa.gov
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Yes - how does 3:30 today work for you? If you are available, we will call you at your office number unless there is another number you'd like to use.

Thanks,

Natalie

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To: Natalie Topinka/R5/USEPA/US@EPA,
Cc: Jesse McGrath/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Kevin Vuilleumier/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Mary McAuliffe/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 10/30/2012 09:03 AM
Subject: RE: air monitor information

[Natalie, if not too inconvenient, can we schedule a conference call to discuss? Thanks, Charlie Speer](#)

From: Topinka.Natalie@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Topinka.Natalie@epamail.epa.gov]
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Kevin
Vuilleumier/R5/USEPA/US
10/30/2012 03:03 PM

To Natalie Topinka

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Subject Accepted: Call w/ Charlie Speer about Fragrant 40
monitoring

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